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1. A military training maneuver ended in the Domazlice area on 15 July 1950. A regiment from Klatovy trained near Hatrava, and a regiment from Tachov and two or three companies from Domazlice trained near Skarmanka. The 1st Regiment of Pilsen trained near Postrekov (N50/P60) under the cover name "Invalida". For practice in border defense, the regiment used light mountain artillery, machine guns, hand grenades, bazookas, and mountain vehicles, but no heavy weapons were seen. The inhabitants were not permitted to enter the woods during these maneuvers. Only reliable Communists were selected to guard the border mountain tops, although even they were not allowed to approach the border.

2. On 11 July 1950 at about 11 a.m., a new military unit [] from Domazlice arrived in the vicinity of Klenec for summer training in the mountainous border region of Sadek. The advance movement was through Klenec-Novy Postrekov (N50/P60). About 700 men with full field equipment, rifles and sub-machine guns and accompanied by commanders on horseback made up the unit. They were also equipped with machine guns, bazookas, three light guns, two field kitchens, horses and wagons.

3. SNS platoons at Nove Udoli (N49/Q44), Hirsperk (Jeleni), and Nova Pea (N49/-Q53) are components of the company headquarters at Volary (N49/Q55). From 15 October 1949 to 10 June 1950, there were 40 active members in these platoons with patrol strength set at 3 men. On 12 June 1950, commanding officers of platoons were given 10 days' leave, after which time they attended special training courses. Upon completion of the training, they were transferred to SNS stations in the interior, and new commanding officers were assigned to the border zone area. All roads leading to the border area are under constant watch by SNS patrols, with the platoon at Nove Udoli controlling railroad stations at Nove Udoli, Nezpotoci and Cerveny Kriz. The SNS platoon at Stozec (N49/Q44) also sends patrols to the Cerveny Kriz railroad station. All railroad and road bridges on the Vltava (Moldau) River are guarded by SNS patrols. All border area railroad stations exhibit signs bearing the words "border zone

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area". New identity cards and special blue or white border area permits must be shown to SNB patrols.

4. A new order of service is to be valid on 1 October 1950, but it was put into effect in some garrisons as early as June 1950. In Turciansky Svaty Martin (Q50/C69), day duty was extended to 10 p.m., and the daily order was read at 9:30 p.m. every day except Sunday. This extension of duty hours provided time in most cases for evening lectures on Communistic theory. The groups met in units of ten with a cell leader. Troops were often kept on duty until 2 p.m. on Sundays and holidays.

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